

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The city of Hurley is named after R. E. Hurley, chief engineer of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway; and,

Whereas, Hurley was situated on the homestead of C. A. Near, platted in 1882, and incorporated in October 1883, with a population of 437 in 1900, and 426 in 2000; and,

Whereas, The Hurley Park originated as Lincoln Park on March 29, 1884, and the picnic shelter, tennis court, basketball court, sand volleyball court, and playground facilities have been an excellent location for many family and community celebrations; and,

Whereas, The Memorial Day celebration has been an annual event for many years, and a church service is held on the previous Sunday to honor and remember our veterans. In 1980, an Avenue of Flags was established in the cemetery, using the casket flags of deceased veterans, with 40 flags flown the first year and 157 flags flown in 2007; and,

Whereas, In 1983, on Hurley's 100th Anniversary, the Arthur Nelson Historical Museum was opened, an exceptional museum for the size of the community, and The Hurley Library is one of the finest in the vicinity making 15,000 to 20,000 books available to its readers with new books arriving regularly; and,

Whereas, An "Old-Fashioned Saturday" has been held the past several years on the last weekend of July and has evolved into an "Old-Fashioned Weekend," which will be held in conjunction with Hurley's 125th Anniversary celebration on July 25-27, 2008:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 25-27, 2008, as

HURLEY QUASQUICENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State